
MEASURE Q

PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE PENRYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO EXCEED APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATION

In order to continue to provide current fire and emergency medical operations, shall the Penryn Fire Protection District be permitted to surpass its Appropriation Limitation, at no additional taxpayer expense, for four years beginning July 1, 2005?

YES _____ NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

The Penryn Fire Protection District currently receives revenue from property taxes and a special tax. If the increased special tax being presented to the voters at this election is approved, then the District will collect proceeds of taxes in excess of the constitutionally authorized spending limitation for the four-year period beginning fiscal year 2005-2006.

Article 13A of the California Constitution, passed by the electorate in 1978 as Proposition 13, requires approval by the electorate to levy special taxes. The District is seeking such approval in Measure P on this ballot. If the voters approve the special tax and the taxes are collected, Article 13B requires a majority vote by the electorate to spend any such revenues in excess of the district appropriations limit. This raising of the appropriations limitation on spending is limited to a maximum of four years. Since the special tax being proposed will cause the level of revenue to surpass the appropriations limit, this

voter approval is necessary to spend such excess revenue.

A "Yes" vote is a vote to authorize an increase in the appropriations limit for the four (4) year period commencing fiscal year 2005-2006, in order that the District may spend revenue raised in excess of its appropriations limit.

A "No" vote will prohibit the District from spending revenues that exceed its appropriations limit.

Anthony J. La Bouff
County Counsel

By: Sabrina M. Thompson
Deputy County Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 – 02

RESOLUTION OF THE PENRYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REQUESTING SERVICES OF THE PLACER COUNTY CLERK IN CONDUCTING AN ELECTION AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CANVASS THE ELECTION RETURNS.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PENRYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law of the State of California, an election will be held in the Penryn Fire Protection District on November 2, 2004, to submit to the qualified voters residing within the district the following proposition:

"In order to continue to provide current fire and emergency medical operations, shall the Penryn Fire Protection District be permitted to surpass its Appropriation Limitation, at no additional taxpayer expense, for four years beginning July 1, 2005?"

Pursuant to sections 10517 and 10519 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the Board of Directors of

the Penryn Fire Protection District hereby requests the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, to authorize the County Clerk to render all services otherwise required for the election to be held November 2, 2004.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer is hereby authorized and directed to canvass the returns of the election and clarify the results of the election to the Board of Directors as required by law. The Penryn Fire Protection District shall reimburse the County of Placer for all costs and expenses incurred by the County in conducting the said election upon presentation of a bill to the district.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June 2004, by the following roll call vote:

Director:	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Bowling, Tom				X
Dobb, Chris				X
Gordon, Shirley	X			
Posehn, Mike	X			
Willson, Aaron	X			

Attest: Michael Davis, Fire Chief / Clerk

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

If you vote for Measure “P”, vote for Measure “Q”.

If the voters approve Measure “P”, the district needs approval of Measure “Q” to spend the additional revenue.

Measure “Q” does not cost anyone anything. It permits the fire district to exceed its appropriation limit for a four-year period.

Please feel free to contact the Penryn Fire District, for more information on Measures “P” & “Q” at (916) 663-3389.

Please support Penryn Fire by voting yes on Measures “P” & “Q”.

Christopher Dobb, Board Chairman
Michael Posehn, Director
Thomas Bowling, Director
Shirley Gordon, Director
Aaron Willson, Director

NO REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q WAS SUBMITTED
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ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

Why did the Penryn Fire District place Measure Q on the ballot?

- **Voter approval of measure Q is necessary to allow the levy of the Measure P tax to exceed the tax limits of Proposition 13.**

What is the effect of Measure Q?

- **Measure Q removes the property tax ceiling that has protected taxpayers since the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978.**
- **Measure Q returns all taxpayers including fixed income individuals to a state of tax vulnerability that existed before Proposition 13.**

What is the amount of the Measure P tax?

- **The amount for residential parcels is \$50 for the first year.**
- **Every following year, the Penryn Fire District has the option to add a cost of living adjustment (COLA) without voter approval.**

Is there a time or dollar limit on the COLA?

- **No. The COLA amounts compound annually forever without any dollar limit.**

Is Measure Q and P a stopgap effort of a larger issue that needs to be solved first?

- **The Placer County Board of Supervisors funded 75% of the \$80,000 study presented July 14, 04 to Placer's Local Agency Formation Commission. "Members indicated they can use the study for another future look at consolidation." Sacramento Bee 8/01/04**
- **We need solved the bigger problem of too many independent fire districts and revenue to keep them operating efficiently.**

Why is a COLA necessary if the Fire District can place new tax measures on the ballot every election?

- **A COLA is not necessary.**
- **The current fire assessment of \$75 per parcel does not have a COLA.**
- **Since a COLA is limited only by inflation, it circumvents the 2% tax growth limit protection of Proposition 13.**

**Vote No on removing Proposition 13 tax constraints.
Vote No on Measure Q.**

Ivan D. Bauer, Tax Accountant, MBA

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

The single opponent to Measure "Q" knows that Proposition 13 is a well-defended and important measure for property owners.

Therefore, he has attempted to get your vote by scaring you that Proposition 13 is in jeopardy.

Here are the facts on Measure "Q":

- Measure "Q" Does not wipe out Proposition 13.
- Measure "Q" will permit the district to spend the funds that Measure "P" generates.
- If you vote yes for Measure "P" then you will want to vote yes on Measure "Q" so that the district can spend the funds generated by Measure "P".

- A Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) has nothing to do with Measure "Q".

- Measure "Q" does not cost taxpayers any additional funds.

***Please read the Impartial Analysis
for Measures "P" & "Q".***

***Feel free to contact the Penryn Fire District at
(916) 663-3389 if you have any questions on either of
these ballot measures!***

**SUPPORT YOUR FIREFIGHTERS
VOTE YES ON MEASURE "Q"**

Michael Davis, Fire Chief
